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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY ITALIAN REACTION TO ENERGY ACTION GROUP PRO-
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1. FONMIN DIRGEN OF ECONAFF GUAZZARONI INFORMED ECON/COMM MIN
DEC 28 THAT MORO'S REPLY TO LETTER DELIVERED BY CHARGE DEC 14
(REB B) HAS BEEN SIGNED AND IS IN TRANSIT TO AMBASSADOR. CON-
TENTS AND PARALLEL INSTRUCTIONS SENT TO ITALIAN EMBASSY WASHING-
TON ON DEC 27. AS DESCRIBED BY GUAZZARONI, REPLY IN SUM WELCOMES
PROPOSAL, AND ASKS MORE DETAIL.

2. GUAZZARONI SAID THAT GOI HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GOF AND THAT
HE EXPECTED FRENCH WOULD BE REPLYING ALONG SAME LINES. HE FELT
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THAT GOF HAD COME AROUND A BIT FROM INITIAL RESERVE. DRAWING ON

PARIS 32840 AND 32841, WE REPLIED THAT OUR READINGS INDICATE THAT GOF MAY BE THINKING IN TERMS OF AN EC-ARAB ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD EXCLUDE THE US AND THUS GO IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL.

3. GUAZZARONI IS FAIRLY SURE THAT THE JAN 7 EC COUNCIL MEETING WILL MAKE PROGRESS ON REGIONAL POLICY (BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY) WHICH WILL FACILITATE FORWARD MOVEMENT ON ENERGY POLICY. HE EXPECTS JAN 7 COUNCIL WILL APPROVE COMMISSION PROPOSAL FOR HIGH LEVEL ENERGY EXPERT COMMITTEE, WHICH GOI ACCEPTS, TO BE SUPPLEMENTED BY A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF INDUSTRY REPS, NOT YET PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION BUT WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE APPROVED BY THE END OF JANUARY. THIS WILL LAY THE BASIS FOR FURTHER FORWARD MOVEMENT, WITH THE EC ABLE TO COME UP WITH A COMMON VIEW PERHAPS BY MID-MARCH. GUAZZARONI COMMENTED THAT A GOOD DEAL OF SORTING OUT OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL DEALINGS ON ENERGY REMAINS TO BE WORKED OUT WITHIN THE EC, AND WITH THE OECD AND THE EAG. HE WONDERED IF THE EAG COULD PERHAPS BE ENVISAGED AS A MINISTERIAL-LEVEL BODY SUPERIMPOSED OVER THE TECHNICAL LEVEL OECD OIL COMMITTEE. VOLPE

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